Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 26, lines 21-26 with the following amended paragraph:

Each of the computers issues an instruction as necessary to perform data writing and reading operations over storage units 1322 and 1323 such as display arrays connected to a storage area network <u>1321</u> (SAN) or over a tape unit 1325 connected to a computer 1324.

Please replace the paragraph at page 28, lines 11-16, with the following amended paragraph:

Volume names designated by the user are represented in a tree form in the window of a user-designated tree representation 1412. The representation is displayed based on information about a user-designated group, which will be explained with reference to Fig. 14B. <u>For example, user designated group 1413 is associated with host name 1416 and volume name 1417.</u>

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, lines 10-14, with the following amended paragraph:

For ~~these~~ <u>this</u> information, an item designation menu may be provided in the window of Fig. 14A and information accepted by user input may be stored in the menu, or information entered on a command line may be stored therein.

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, lines 23-28, with the following amended paragraph:

In this connection, information may be designated or designated by the user

who enters or inputs an object name (resource name) such as an agent name to be grouped and the name of the ~~group to~~ group on a command line. For example, such an input can be employed.

Please replace the paragraph at page 33, line 22 – page 34, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

The system configuration information includes a subnet 1500 and a host name 1501. In this connection, the host name may be replaced by the name of the agent program or the identifier of the agent program. ~~These~~ This information ~~are~~ is exemplary information to be managed by the manager program on the basis of information received from the agent program, but information except for ~~these~~ this information may be managed. Further, the manager program collects and manages information from the agent program at regular intervals. Thus, even when the system configuration is changed, information managed by the manager program may be designed to be updated.

Please replace the paragraph at page 34, lines 7-13, with the following amended paragraph:

In this example, a threshold value 1503 is set for each volume associated with the volume name 1502 as an example. As the threshold value, the system administrator may previously set a predetermined value for a free capacity 1504 or used capacity 1505 of each volume according to the volume. Further, an alarm message 1506 is set for each volume by the system administrator.